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Social and Personal

The Italian Ambassador, Fausto Baccetti, yesterday called on the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Yitzhak Navon.

The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Ingo Muss, toured Haifa yesterday and was received by Mayor Yerubam Zela.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. John Mason were lunching guests yesterday of the President of the Weizmann Institute and Mrs. Michael Sela.

Uri Zvi Greenberg and Professor Gershon Sholem were yesterday awarded the Blalik Prize, for literature and Jewish thought respectively, by Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

Ami Biberman, director of agricultural research at the Volcani Institute, Beit Dagan, will be the guest speaker at today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, ZO A House, 1.15 pm.

New Ambassador

The Bolivian Government has appointed General Jose Antonio Zelaya Ambassador to Israel.

ARRIVALS

Shlomo Avineri, Director-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, from an official visit to Romania.

Professor Stanley Yellin, chairman of the Health Sciences Centre, Stony Brook, N.Y., to advise JDC-Israel on the promotion of mental health programmes.

DEPARTURES

Professor Robin Becker, of Hadassah Pediatrics Department, Jerusalem, for a lecture tour of Italy, Switzerland and the United States.

Yadin still 'weak'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Suspended Kapat Holim head Asher Yadin complained of weakness and strong chest pains yesterday, according to his friend Talia Livi who had visited him at Belinson Hospital.

Yadin, charged December 13 with fraud and taking bribes, was transferred to the hospital from Abu Kabir jail last Tuesday.

He is scheduled to appear in court January 17 when he will be permitted to respond to the charges read against him.

New head for Zim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Zim board of directors yesterday decided to accept the Finance Ministry's Accountant General, Haim Stessel, to the board and unanimously elected him chairman. He will take up his post next Sunday when he leaves his present job, the Zim spokesman announced last night.

Stessel, 44, holds a master's degree in economics from the Hebrew University. He will succeed the late Rav-Aluf David Elazar, but the Jerusalem Post learned that, unlike Elazar, Stessel will be unpaid and serve in a part-time capacity. He will also serve in an executive position with the Israel Corporation which owns 50 per cent of Zim's shares.

Our beloved Dr. HANNAH LORCH has passed away.

The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, today, January 13, 1977, at 2 p.m.

Lorch and Wissmann Families

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Tax men start total walkout

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Seven thousand income tax and customs employees walked out yesterday to begin a three day strike — paralyzing all customs sheds, the import and export trade, income-tax offices and the Finance Ministry's other revenue-collecting divisions.

The loss to the treasury (until collection starts again at an accelerated pace) is estimated at 11,000m. per day.

The revenue collectors are demanding a 40 per cent increase in the 42,000 so-called "non-specific" civil servants, who unlike the taxmen never got "specific allowances." They claim their responsibilities entitle them to a distinct professional status of their own.

The strike was particularly effective yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport, where travellers had a field day and could have fled out of the country without having paid travel tax.

There was nobody on hand to check their luggage, and this may cause travellers difficulties when they come home: As they were unable to receive any certificates on the optical or electric equipment they carried out, they may be asked to pay customs on these items when they return.

There was also nobody to check out air freight, and the customs

freight terminal here — as elsewhere — remained closed. Income-tax staff committee member Yosef Silbermann reiterated yesterday the revenue collectors' claim for more pay and separate grading. "Whenever we got a raise all the other civil servants got one as well — but when they received some extra money we never received any," he said.

The three-day strike was called at a taxmen's rally in Haifa on Tuesday — the third such event the men had staged this week. They had held meetings on Sunday and Monday in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, practically stopping all revenue-collecting there on those days.

The strikers' staff committee has already decided to secede from the National Civil Servants Union and set up a separate taxmen's union. This would remain in the Histadrut. The men are due to meet tomorrow with the Ministerial Wage Committee in Jerusalem. The outcome of these talks will be crucial. It is understood that the revenue collectors may walk out on a continued strike unless their principal demands are met at the meeting. The spokesman for the Finance Ministry told a radio reporter here yesterday that the ministry would not ask for any back-to-work orders against the strikers until the outcome of the meeting is known.

Zadok backs move for press-gag debate

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Freedom of the press is a fundamental right, but not an absolute one, Justice Minister Haim Zadok declared yesterday. He said this in agreeing in the Knesset to a full-fledged debate on "the vile effects of libel, slander and gossip."

The debate was requested by Shlomo Lorincz of the Tora Front who wants to explore such ideas as a strong curb on the press for a "trial period" and a ban on the publication of the names of suspects until they are convicted.

Lorincz did not conceal the fact that he had been motivated by the feeling that the recent suicide by Housing Minister Avraham Ofer may have been linked to the growing wave of press reports suggesting... Ofer had been involved in questionable land deals.

Quoting from a Talmudical exegesis of the Book of Ezekiel, Lorincz said the destruction of the Temple had been caused by "among other things... people who dine and wine together but at the same time stab each other to death with their tongues."

Lorincz asked for a House discussion on such suggestions as: a ban on publication of a suspect's name prior to conviction or at least indictment; a reduction in the number of arrests "on the basis of rumours or questionable information"; better police control of leaks to the press; stiffening of maximum punishment levels for violators of the Libel Law; and a "strong curb—for a trial period—on newspapers and other news media, to establish what may and what may not be published."

Replying for the Government, Zadok noted that the Law Committee

is now considering two private members' bills which would ban publication of a person's name before indictment, unless such publication would be in the public interest. One of these bills is by Avraham Melamed of the National Religious Party and the other by Ehud Olmert and Yedidia Be'er of the Likud.

According to Zadok, newspaper editors oppose these proposed laws just as they opposed the Libel Law, which was passed 10 years ago over the objections of the Press Council. "I must admit," said Zadok, "the Libel Law has not succeeded in protecting the reputation and good name of the citizen. Trials for libel violations often take years and usually cause more unpleasantness than the original libel. What is more the punishment prescribed by the law is not even meaningful."

Katzir: Expel all unethical journalists

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Ephraim Katzir last night cautioned journalists to use the instruments of mass communication with care, and urged that unethical reporters "who cheat on purpose" be ousted from their profession. He was addressing a symposium on the Jewish press at Beit Hanesani, which was sponsored by the World Union of Jewish Journalists as part of their fourth international convention. Prof. Katzir took to task the Jewish press in the Diaspora for not adequately reflecting the positive aspects of Israel. The country's faults, he admitted, must not be hidden, for they must be corrected.

FRENCH TOLD

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ed "with confounding haste," and said that the French Government "leaves a sad but unmistakable impression of a great nation willing to look foolish, abject, even cowardly, at the thought of blackmail by terrorism." The "Washington Post" used the terms "bootheking" and "humiliating" in its comment. Mark Segal reports from London.

In contrast to heated media reaction and public protests against the French release of Abu Daoud, the British Government so far has managed to avoid comment on the issue.

Foreign Office sources yesterday said that the French had violated the European anti-terrorism covenant, because that document had not been ratified. And the Minister of State for the Foreign Office, David Owens, avoided a question in Commons, by saying that Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland was in Luxembourg for a meeting of EEC ministers.

ENVOY

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French act could only encourage terrorism and murder. Israel reaction could have been sought before it was too late. The entire procedural handling of the Israel pre-extradition arrest request had been irregular, he was told.

Official sources here said that Ambassador Moshe Shalev had on Tuesday morning told the French court was considering Abu Daoud's application the same day. He confirmed this after several approaches to the French authorities and discovered that the hearing was in progress behind closed doors. He was not allowed to attend. And at no point was an Israeli representative kept informed of developments.

Referring to the "climate of relations," Evron told Herli that recent French declarations deviated from previously-held positions despite French assurances to Israel in diplomatic contacts. An example given was the recent statement by the French Foreign Minister explicitly supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The West German Ambassador, Fer Fischer, called at the Foreign Ministry and discussed the Abu Daoud development during a regular meeting with assistant director-general Shimon Peres. The ambassador told reporters after the short meeting that he had felt that the Federal Government would have gone ahead with an extradition proceedings request.

Asked whether the German authorities had been slow of the mark, he said the Bavarian Government had been due to take a decision on the Tuesday Abu Daoud was released, which would have then been passed on to Bonn.

He said his meeting with Shek was routine.



Figure of a woman, 51 cms. high, made in the classic Veracruz period, circa third century BCE. The statuette is part of the Maremont collection of objects from Central America, currently on display at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Mapam near breaking point

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The possibility of Mapam breaking its alignment with the Labour Party grew yesterday as an increasing number of the members of Mapam's political committee envisaged an end to the nine-year partnership.

The committee, which postponed its vote until the weekend, is to bring its recommendation before the party's convention on January 30. The convention will give the final verdict and decide if Mapam will run alone in the Knesset elections.

The party's secretary general, Meir Talmi, recommended Mapam run independently, but also said the council be empowered to reconsider the break if Labour (which holds its convention in February) meets the following conditions: expresses readiness for a territorial compromise on all fronts, including Judea and Samaria, and chooses a candidate for the premiership "who will politically express the principle of territorial withdrawal." This means Mapam would not run on a ticket headed by Shimon Peres.

But veteran leader Yehoshua Hagan argued that moves to run independently would create a situation in which Labour and Mapam would attack each other because they appeal to the same group of voters.

BAVARIA INFORMED

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prosecutor had still not determined whether the evidence was sufficient to justify formal extradition. "We were operating on the assumption that we were not under pressure of time," the Bavarian spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said that investigators will now continue their review of the case, and eventually a decision would be made on whether to issue an international search and arrest warrant.

In Bonn, the West German Government appeared to go out of its way to play down France's reliance on Abu Daoud. Government spokesman Klaus Boelling, despite repeated attempts by journalists to elicit a formal reaction, refused to go beyond a statement the night before by Justice Minister Hans-Joachim Vogel, in which the minister "regretted" the French move.

At the same time, a spokesman for

Hagan recommended Mapam intensify preparations to run alone but leave the final decision on the Alignment's future to the party's central committee. The committee, he said, set a later date until which Labour should meet Mapam's conditions.

Foreign Minister Tigran Alon met Mapam leaders at 7 o'clock yesterday morning in an attempt to prevent a break.

Gush Emunim won't put up list for Knesset

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim will try to pressure the country's political parties to support Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria. But it will not run in the Knesset elections, its leader Haiman Porat told a press conference here yesterday.

The movement's leaders said they believe Israel's "silent majority" supports Jewish settlement throughout Judea and Samaria. To win their votes in the Knesset elections, they said — if the question becomes an election issue.

FRENCH EXPLANATION

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the file for his extradition as stipulated in the agreement."

The most extraordinary exception for the release of Abu Daoud, who was held under an assumed Iraqi identity while on a visit here to attend the funeral of a murdered Palestinian militant, came from the Interior Ministry.

A spokesman said: "Like the other members of the Palestinian delegation who came here to attend the funeral of Mahmoud Saleh, Abu Daoud had obtained from one of our consulates a visa for a short stay of three or four days."

"This visa expired and the person concerned failed to ask for its extension. He was therefore violating the regulations. Of course, the meantime certain events beyond his control had occurred..."

The Arab League's ambassadors to France expressed their "regret" yesterday at the attitude of French justice in letting the wanted terrorist.

In a statement read by the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative Ezzeddine Kalaf, the envoys said: "We take note of the fact that the French authorities have decided to let the Palestinian terrorist exist." Kalaf added that the Arab envoys were "extremely grateful" to France and were determined to "maintain and develop their good relations with France."

French newspapers of all persuasions reflected public discontent with the handling of Abu Daoud yesterday's editions.

The conservative "Le Figaro" said: "It all happened as if the French had been told to let up in legal clothing a purely political affair. It's a Punch and Judy farce."

The pro-Israel "L'Aurore" mentioned: "Too many shameful acts are happening in France. Our not full but it is murky. France is not able for long to accept

gloomy shadows which are cast on its history."

The Communist Party official daily "L'Humanite" said: "All this is inevitable in a regime, like that of France today, which is bitterly defending its privileges."

The left wing "Le Quotidien de Paris" said: "This affair has less in common with the law than with state necessity. It started off as a mystery and finished up as a vaudeville."

In a front-page editorial entitled "A Mess" the influential "Le Monde" said: "It is impossible to reject the possibility that the Abu Daoud affair was a trap for the French Government. In any case, it fell straight inside."

"A police force which is not under government orders, a system of justice which is, and a government which puts state objectives before French and world opinion under the worst conditions, all add up to a sad catalogue."

The Paris headquarters of the World Jewish Congress summed up the wave of resentment which has swept France in a statement voicing "general astonishment at an arbitrary decision which has caused indignation among all those who believe in justice."

It added: "By surrendering to Arab pressure in this way, France has done quite the contrary to helping to outlaw terrorism as she has undertaken under international agreements."

"Instead France has abetted and encouraged terrorism by this feeble-minded gesture which is a challenge to justice and world morality."

Observers consider that the recall of Galt, unique in the history of diplomatic ties between France and Israel, marks the lowest point in their relations since Gen. de Gaulle's embargo on Israel's Mirage warplanes on the eve of the Six Day War.

Observers rule out the likelihood of a breach of diplomatic relations between the two countries. But it seems unlikely that French Foreign Minister Louis Giscard d'Estaing will include Israel in the itinerary of the Middle East tour which he plans to make later this year.

Epstein admits receiving bank-vault robbery loot

TEL AVIV. — Former banker Yosef Epstein was convicted yesterday of receiving, after he suddenly confessed to having knowingly received the loot of a bank robbery of a Ramat-Gan safe-deposit vault last year.

Epstein made the surprise confession, which did not include the source of the goods, after the Tel Aviv District Attorney announced at the beginning of the trial session that an admission would save him from having additional charges brought. At Epstein's request, District Court Judge Binyamin Cohen deferred sentencing for another two months.

In the robbery last January, some 248 safe-deposit boxes in the Ramat Gan branch of Bank Leumi Discount Bank were looted of tens of millions of pounds worth of cash, jewelry and securities (some estimates put the value at 11,200m.). Epstein, who had served a four-year prison term for fraud committed while heading the now-defunct Feuchtwanger Bank, was arrested the following August.

Tel Aviv District Attorney Otsavsky-Cohen opened day's session by asking defendant give a year's no charges. Recalling that of the trial had already been for a month at Epstein's request made the offer of a charges in exchange for a year's no charges.

At this, Epstein's attorney announced that his client admitted charges. Judge Cohen asked if he understood what was involved, and on being told he did.

Epstein's attorney told that the former banker had returned 11.2m. worth of property, and asked for the sentencing to permit him more.

Epstein had originally been charged with receiving 11.2m. goods, but the sum was reduced to 11.7m. He refused yesterday from whom he received the property. (Him)

Dutch woman denies charges of spying for terror group

TEL AVIV. — The trial of Ludvina Janssen, the Dutch woman accused of spying out the security arrangements at Ben-Gurion Airport in preparation for a terrorist raid, opened yesterday in the District Court here.

The trial started with a legal tussle between Janssen's two attorneys, Felicia Langer and Yosef Arnon, and the prosecution. The attorneys claimed that the statements Janssen gave the police during her remand are invalid because, as Janssen later claimed, they were extorted violently by security investigators.

As the prosecution denied this charge it brought Janssen's interrogator, Sgan-Nitsav Elyahu Lavi, to the witness stand. He testified that Janssen had answered his questions calmly and that no violence or threats were used during the entire investigation.

The charge claims that Janssen, 24, had joined the "Red Aid" organization and had contacts with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Her group, according to the charge sheet, was connected with the Bader-Meinhof terror gang, and had trained in the use of arms and explosives in a camp in Aden.

Wrapped in a thick blue jersey, Janssen appeared nervous, alternately biting her fingernails and hiding her hands in her hair. She denied all the charges.

Janssen told the court she had



Ludvina Janssen

been arrested by a security officer who approached her on arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport. After her arrest, she claimed, she was interrogated non-stop for a day night by security officers slapped her in the face. She said she was driven into a psychiatric treatment in Holland.

When cross-examined by prosecutor Janssen said part of original written statement was and part false. She claimed she invented stories to satisfy her interrogators whom she also claimed had dictated the statement with her own handwriting. (ITM)

'No legal grounds for French step'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The main argument on which the French court rejected the Israel request to hold Abu Daoud in custody, was described as totally groundless by the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser, Dr. Meir Rosenne. The court, the French said, could not accept the Israel request because under the French 1927 Extradition Law Israel could not institute extradition proceedings for a crime committed in a third country — Germany. But, Dr. Rosenne pointed out yesterday, this ruling contradicted the 1958 French Constitution, Article 55, which expressly states that an international treaty — in this case the 1971 Franco-Israel Extradition Treaty — overrides French law in the event of a contradiction between the

two. The competence of the tribunal is determined by the crime, and Article 2 of the bilateral 1971 Treaty defines extraditable crimes as punishable by more than three years' imprisonment.

Under this same treaty the plea of non-extradition of the crime is irrelevant. It lays down that a person not be extradited to a third country that person has already served sentence in a second country clearly implying that a crime is extraditable even if not committed in the country seeking the extradition.

Moreover, Dr. Rosenne pointed out, the court had no right to enter into the merits of the case, since under the bilateral Treaty, arrest is automatic.

Knesset honours Ofer

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Knesset opened its session yesterday with a 30-minute memorial tribute to the late Minister of Housing, Avraham Ofer.

"Ofer's outlook on life," said Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, "was exemplified by his concern for both the individual Israeli and Israeli society as a whole."

It was his far-reaching housing programme which was adopted by the Government in 1974, with the emphasis on population dispersal, a more rapid buildup of the Jewish population of Jerusalem, changing the settlement character of

the Galilee and attracting new settlers to the Negev while discouraging development of the coastal strip (between Nahariya and Ashdod). And his programme has been proceeding well so far."

Rabinowitz concluded: "We have no words with which to console Mrs. Ofer and her children who are here with us today. Their loss is also our loss. Avraham's great contribution to building up this country will serve as his — and his family's — mark of honour."

Other tributes were paid by Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and David Coren (Alignment).

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Impending Dan-Egged merger is 'eyewash'

By Zeev Schulman
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — Authoritative sources here yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that talk of an imminent merger between the country's two bus cooperatives was "eyewash," intended to placate disgruntled cooperative members. The Dan-Egged merger had only scant chances of being implemented within the next year or so, they said.
The sources suggested that Dan members will not, at their forthcoming general meeting, approve the merger, in view of the discrepancies in assets and economic standing between the two companies (Egged is worse off than Dan). It will take quite a long time before the remaining differences, including redistribution of assets on a parity basis, the sources said.
It is understood that the Transport Ministry has itself revised its attitude towards the merger and no longer approves of the deal. Ministry executives are believed to be concerned over the possibility that a single transport monopoly might be able to paralyze traffic at will, in spite of legal constraints, and that it would also complicate approval of the different routes.
According to Dan spokesman Aharon Shani, "I will take the co-ops the better part of a year to implement a full merger. He does not expect this to happen before next fall."

Shaare Zedek rejects charges of Negev surgeon-snatching

By NAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
In the face of a mounting press campaign concerning the "snatching" transfer of seven surgeons from the Soroka Medical Centre in BeerSheva to Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, the latter on Tuesday abandoned its stand of not entering the controversy and issued a statement rejecting the charges.
The charges were published on Sunday by MK Jacques Amir in a statement to the Knesset State Committee. Quoting Prof. Moshe Prywes, dean of the Medical Faculty of Ben-Gurion University and head of Kupat Holim in the South, Amir said the Jerusalem institution had lured the physicians away, leaving the Negev in dire straits, medically.
In a terse, one-paragraph statement, Shaare Zedek rejected press reports suggesting from BeerSheva according to which the doctors were attracted by massive financial rewards. In fact, the hospital spokesman said, some of the doctors would be making a little less than they had in the Kupat Holim institution.
"Inasmuch as the reason for the doctors' leaving is not financial, and they nonetheless decided to go to Shaare Zedek, which is still a relatively small hospital, with limited opportunities compared to the central hospital in BeerSheva, one must seek the reasons for leaving in BeerSheva," the statement said.
According to other sources, the three senior and four junior doctors decided to leave BeerSheva to remain in the South. A noted South African, Prof. Jerry Jerzycki, a noted surgeon, said the Shaare Zedek statement pointed out that one of the senior doctors was turned down in his request for a year's leave without pay. That doctor was still in BeerSheva.
The Shaare Zedek statement said that Dr. Jerzycki himself had suggested remaining until this month — instead of leaving in August as he did. Prof. Prywes rejected this offer, the statement said.

'Procrastination at port may cause coal pollution'

By YACOV FREIDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Port Authority Moshe Halal announced yesterday that the authorities' inability to make up their mind on the problem of coal handling for the new Haifa power plant would result in serious ecological harm. Last minute improvisation would be inevitable if the decision were delayed much longer, he said.
This week Haifa Mayor Yerahim Zeevi announced his opposition to the construction of Haifa Port of the projected 11,350-ton terminal, which would handle the imported coal for the station. "The delays in planning may well result in the very pollution the ecologists want to prevent. It could be largely prevented in a properly planned terminal," Halal said.
Speaking at a meeting with the Haifa Public Relations Association, Halal said so far only the preliminary planning for the terminal project had been carried out. The government had not yet authorized funds for the detailed plans and indeed no final decision on the terminal and the location had yet been made.
"We are already behind schedule. Even if the decision is made immediately, the terminal cannot be completed before 1981," he said. This would be a year after the power plant is scheduled to start operating, so that in any case, some pollution-making improvisations were already certain.

Soviet chessman pulls away from Kagan

HASTINGS, ENGLAND. — Oleg Romanishin, the 25-year-old Soviet chess grandmaster, pulled away from his Israeli rival, Shimon Kagan, in the Hastings International Chess Congress on Tuesday night. After a tense, five-hour game in round 12 against Julio Kaplan of the U.S., Romanishin, playing black, won in 41 moves from the French defence.
On the adjoining board, Romanishin's conqueror in round 11, Shimon Kagan of Israel, playing white, had a disappointing game. He lost his slight initial advantage, and the game against Andrew Whiteley of Britain petered out in a draw.
So Romanishin opened up a one-point lead over Kagan.
James Tarjan, an American, fell short to make progress from third position in the standings as the result of a lifeless draw with the white pieces against the former world champion, Vasily Smyslov of the Soviet Union.
In a round 11 adjourned game, Anthony Miles of Britain beat Kaidman in 51 moves.
Playings after round 12: Romanishin 8.5, Kagan 7.5, Tarjan 7, Smyslov 6.5, Adorjan 6.5, Zwaig and Miles 6, Damjanovic 5.5, Farago and Vukobratovic 5, Kaidman and Rumens 4.5, Kaplan and Webb 4, and Whiteley 3.5. (AP)



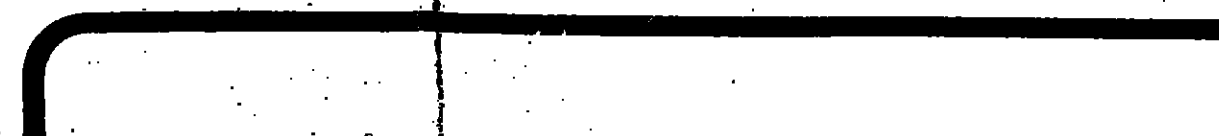
One of green grocers in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market prepares for the impending week-long shut down protesting against the requirement to keep books for purposes of Value Added Tax. The country's leading fruit and vegetable markets will close on Sunday as green grocers voice their claim that they are incapable of keeping the books the tax authorities insist on. (Rahamim Israeli)

Plan to shake up world Zionism

By JUDY SEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A team of "Independent Professionals" — determined to take the problems of the World Zionist Organization "by the throat" and revitalize the Zionist movement from the bottom up — have proposed a four-year plan to shake up the Zionist Executive in nine days, the Zionist General Council in the summer, and the political parties, Zionist federations and other groups broad in the near future.
Responding to a question from *The Jerusalem Post*, Weiss asserted that the Zionist movement abroad would inevitably, if gradually, weaken such influence at the top of the WZO as the Jewish People throughout the world should be taken, according to the Zionist recommendation, so that the location, needs and development of the communities can be understood.
The absorption process of olim can be eased if each new immigrant is assigned a veteran Israeli as a volunteer counsellor who would advise him at every step of the way. Urban group settlements, such as that being planned between Ma'alot and Carmel in the Galilee, also reduce "absorption pains." The team explained, with accompanying maps, that the settlements will be planned, built and serviced by one coordinating authority. Neighbourhoods would contain homogeneous groups (such as students, new immigrants or veteran Israelis), but they would form heterogeneous settlements that mirror the diversity of urban society.
After studying the WZO and 175 federations in the Diaspora for three months, "in depth," the team recommended that the local and national Zionist organizations — for years ineffective and irrelevant to most Jews — be decentralized and awarded the power to make decisions. Members would be able to vote or officials and be elected themselves on a non-party basis. Such change could rid the local urban Zionist organizations, who have intention of staying but have become imbedded in the establishment through their access to money.

Norwegian parliamentarian: Arabs still rigid on Intel, but smile more now

By DAVID KATZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Official Arab policies towards Israel are still rigid — but the atmosphere in which this subject is discussed has improved beyond measure, Tor Ofteidal, Chairman of the Foreign and Constitutional Affairs Committee in the Norwegian Storting (parliament), told *The Jerusalem Post* on Tuesday evening.
Ofteidal is here with fellow members of his committee on a tour of the area. "When I visited Cairo in 1971," he went on, "I found a nation at war. The politicians were seething with hatred, there was a kind of desperation. It was depressing."
Today the mood has changed. We visited Jerusalem, Ofteidal said. Reconstruction work is taking place on the Suez Canal. A new spirit can be sensed of self-confidence, of optimism for the future.
"As the (woman) chairman of Egypt's parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee put it, 'In the Yom Kippur War we defeated the Arabs in our own hearts.'"
President Assad, in Damascus, "mentioned the word 'Zionist' once! He said that Israel is willing to understand that a peaceful solution, thanks to the pressures from the West (in his view) to pressures from the Arab world, is neither an impossible confederation of (Arab) states nor a pessimist, the Syrians and leader pointed out, 'but I think the chances are better than before.'"
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Rami Livneh freed
Rami Livneh, 31, jailed in 1973 with other members of a Syrian-operated Jewish-Arab spy ring, has been freed after serving most of his four-year sentence, prison authorities said yesterday.
The District Court had sentenced Livneh to 10 years' imprisonment after finding him guilty of having contacts with the Fatah terror group and failing to prevent a crime by not reporting the meeting to the authorities.

Namir, Herzog, Amit decline to challenge TA Mayor Lahat

BY SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Ora Namir is the latest addition to the list of Labour Party personalities who have declined to fight for the mayoralty of Tel Aviv.
Knesset Member Namir, widow of late mayor Mordechai Namir, was considered as potentially the most powerful candidate Labour could have enlisted to challenge the Likud's Mayor Shlomo Lahat. She is personable and outspoken, and even Likud sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that "should she run, she would make a most formidable opponent."
Namir told *The Post* that she "had indeed been approached by many both inside the Alignment and outside it." She had decided not to run for a number of personal reasons.
Before returning to his post in New York, U.N. Ambassador Chaim Herzog also responded with a final unequivocal "no" to Labour's attempts to recruit him as the party's candidate for the mayoral position, *The Post* learned yesterday.
Herzog was regarded by many in the Labour Alignment as its "one great hope" in the attempt to wrest City Hall from the Likud. Since the coming elections will be the first to be held on a personal level, it will be essentially a contest between two men, and Labour had counted especially on Herzog attracting the religious vote in town, as the son of late Chief Rabbi.
Nevertheless, Herzog told Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi both serving on the seven-member committee appointed to find Labour a candidate, that he has no interest in municipal office. Herzog is said to have his eye on a more active role in national politics.
Another potential candidate, Knesset managing-director Meir Amit, has refused to run for mayor twice already, his most recent refusal having been made several days ago, as members of the Labour Committee began approaching those potential candidates who had already said "no" in the past and appealing to them to reconsider. Former Deputy Mayor Ariel Amir had also refused to run.
It is, as it now seems likely, municipal elections will be scheduled in mid-May on the same day as the Knesset polls. Labour's position in Tel Aviv is close to desperate with no candidate in sight. It is expected that the committee to choose a candidate will have to come up with someone in the next fortnight in order to organize a campaign.

Alignment tables motion to oust Bat Yam mayor

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BAT YAM. — The Alignment faction and the three defectors from the Likud in the Bat Yam city council yesterday tabled a motion calling for a special council session to oust Mayor Yitzhak Walker.
The special session must take place within two weeks. The regular city council session scheduled for yesterday was cancelled following the failure of the Alignment faction and the three defectors to show up.
According to city hall pundits here, the Alignment might help municipal coalition defector David Messika become mayor, without actually forming a coalition with him. Messika, as well as Councilmen Maurice Abutbul and Yehuda Shekel, bolted Mayor Yitzhak Walker's coalition last month, causing the mayor to lose his city hall majority.
The Alignment, had been afraid that should it officially ally itself in a municipal coalition with the three defectors, the move could backfire and it would be accused of wheedling and dealing during the campaign. The Alignment thus would be "credited" with the last municipal coalition deal, because from May all mayors will be personally elected and immune to such deals.
Nevertheless, Alignment sources say that they could vote with the three ex-Likud coalition members to oust Walker and then could support a motion making Messika mayor. Messika would then head a minority administration, with the Alignment voting with him in the council to keep him in office.
If the Messika faction and the Alignment agree from this move, Messika would only be mayor until the elections; but Alignment circles say that it is worthwhile for their party to unseat Walker if only for a very short time.

S. Africans helping soldiers keep kosher

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Defence authorities have gone out of their way this year to care for the special religious requirements of the several hundred Jewish youths who are among the thousands of South Africans drafted for a year's military service.
Fully-equipped kosher kitchens have been set up at all the basic training centres. And servicemen chosen for their good knowledge of Jewish laws and customs have undergone special training to qualify as "kasher chefs".

Peres visits Good Fence, North

By YORAM HANZICHA
Jerusalem Post Reporter
DOVEV. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres, accompanied by O/C Northern Command Aluf Raphael Eytan and by Aluf Avraham Ori, the coordinator of activities in the administered territories, and other senior army officers, yesterday visited Upper Galilee, the Eilat region and the Good Fence at Dovev.
Peres spent some time at the Eilat Valley kibbutzim of Shamir and Ma'ayan Baruch, where he discussed local security problems with members, and at the Upper Galilee Regional Council at Kiryat Shmona, where he met council officials.
The Defence Minister also chatted with Lebanese chambermaids working at Kiryat Shmona's new Ma'ayan Hazafon hotel, and then continued in an army helicopter to the Dovev area where he visited informally and met Lebanese leaders from south Lebanon. Peres said he was pleased to hear from the Lebanese that they are satisfied with Israel help to the south.
Some 500 metres of dirt road linking Dovev with the Lebanese village of Rimaich have been improved over the past week by the Lebanese with the aid of Israeli materials. Rain and bad weather had up to yesterday almost stopped foot and road traffic at Dovev on the "rescue army road" which was opened in 1948 by the so-called "Arab Rescue Army" of the recently-deceased Fawzi el-Kauki.
Peres was accompanied by a large number of foreign television crews and correspondents. This afternoon the TV men will be in Tarshiha-Ma'alot, where a group of Lebanese workers from Rimaich is scheduled to play a football match with a group of workers from the Jewish-Arab township. The game will be the first sporting event between any Israeli team and a team from an Arab country.

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Uses 'PLO' and 'Palestinians' as synonyms

Vance 'slip of tongue' stuns Senate hearings audience

By WOLF MEITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance Tuesday said that "it is clear" that the legitimate interests of the PLO must be dealt with, but later acknowledged that he had mis-spoken and said he was referring to "Palestinians" in general, not the organization.

In his first appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Vance stunned the packed hearing room by saying, in response to a question, that the legitimate interests of the terrorist organization would have to be considered by the U.S.

American policy has always been to take into consideration the interests of Palestinian Arabs, but not the PLO.

After the nearly three hours confirmation hearing, Vance was pressed by puzzled reporters to clarify his statement on the PLO. At first, he twice said that he had meant exactly

what he had said. But when another reporter asked Vance whether he equates Palestinians and the PLO, Vance thought for a few seconds and replied: "Make it Palestinians. I really think I misspoke on that."

It was clear that during the formal questioning, Vance had confused the Palestinians and the PLO, interchangeably using the two words.

Sen. Charles Percy (Republican-Illinois) had been questioning Vance on the Palestinian issue when Vance made his slip of the tongue. Percy asked whether Vance had any information on the recent meeting in Paris between the PLO and non-governmental Israeli personalities.

In reply, Vance said that he had no information on that meeting. But he then went on to say that the "legitimate interests of the PLO" would have to be dealt with. The United States, he continued, would not deal with the PLO because it refuses to recognize Israel's right to exist. U.S. recognition of the PLO

would therefore have to wait, Vance said.

On other matters, Vance confirmed that Arab and Israeli leaders would be invited to Washington in the future to meet with President-elect Carter, but he did not say which ones and when. He said that the May elections in Israel do not mean that no progress can be made in advance on beginning to explore such prospects.

Vance said that the Israeli political situation was "complicated" and that he could not present any timetable for Middle East diplomatic progress.

Regarding U.S. arms sales to Egypt, Vance said that he was familiar only with Egypt's request for additional C-130 military transport planes. Last year, Egypt received six such planes from the U.S.

But under questioning, Vance would not rule out eventual arms sales to Egypt. He merely listed three criteria which the United States would have to take into consideration before agreeing to make such a sale: 1) The security requirements of the country involved; 2) The effect the sales would have on the regional balance of power; and 3) The effect the sales would have in promoting peace prospects in the Middle East.

Vance said that the U.S. is committed to supplying Israel with military assistance for its security. He also said that the U.S. has bilateral arms relationships with Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

On the Arab economic boycott against Israel, the new Secretary of State, who takes office on January 20 after Carter's inauguration, would only say that the new administration has not yet taken an official position on this sensitive issue.

On Monday, Secretary of Commerce-designate Juanita Kreps said the new administration would support new legislation designed to block compliance by U.S. firms with the Arab boycott of Israel.

In the House International Relations Committee, four ranking members are already circulating such legislation seeking additional co-sponsors before formally submitting a new bill shortly after Carter takes office.

Last year, the Ford administration, in a last minute effort, successfully used parliamentary delaying tactics to block the legislation. But Congressmen are vowed to reintroduce the measure this year. They have been awaiting signals from Carter on the new administration's stand, and that was why Vance's ambiguous response yesterday — as compared to Kreps' more forceful statement — was being carefully scrutinized.

Vance also said that he would hope to discuss with the new U.S. ambassador to Israel, a reduction of superpower arms supplies to various states in the Middle East. He said that this was an important matter that had previously failed to get off the ground because it had depended on a political settlement in the region.

Asked who he would appoint as the new U.S. ambassador to Israel, Vance said that the whole question of new U.S. envoys would be raised only in two weeks. He would not provide any names that are being considered.



BROWN AT SENATE — U.S. Defense Secretary-designate Harold Brown, right, arrives at Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on his appointment yesterday. With him the committee chairman, Sen. John Stennis, a Mississippi Democrat.

New defence chief lauds Gen. Brown

WASHINGTON. — U.S. defence Secretary-designate Harold Brown has praised controversial Gen. George S. Brown as a "highly professional" officer and indicated that the general's future will hinge on his military work rather than his past public comments.

"I would expect to judge him on the basis of his professional performance," Brown told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.

There had been speculation that the incoming administration of

President-elect Carter might try to ease Gen. Brown out, although he has about 18 months remaining on his term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brown has gotten into trouble in the past with comments about Israel and Jewish influence.

"I've known Gen. Brown for 15 years," commented the incoming Defence Secretary, who is Jewish. "We're good friends. I've known him to be highly professional." (AP)

Dissidents interrogated again by Czech police

VIENNA. — Czechoslovak security police were yesterday reported to be interrogating leading dissidents for the third day running in a sharp crackdown against a new human rights movement.

Dissident sources in Prague, contacted by telephone from Vienna, said at least four dissidents arrested on Monday and freed on Tuesday had been asked to return to police headquarters yesterday morning for further questioning.

They were named as playwrights Václav Havel and Pavel Kohout, Ludvík Vaculík, a writer, and Dr. Jan Patočka, a philosopher. They were arrested on Monday and held before being freed on Tuesday. The four were asked to return "voluntarily" to police headquarters yesterday.

Dissident sources said no formal charges had been leveled against those being questioned, and officials they were still only witnesses in a security investigation. The sources reported that security police had arrested and held at least a dozen dissidents on Tuesday in connection with the "Charter 77" democratic rights manifesto.

Playwright Kohout was arrested by policemen who emerged from two police cars "in assault fashion" in a Prague street.

Czechoslovakia's Communist Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" reacted for the first time to the "Charter 77" manifesto, branding it an "anti-state anti-socialist" and "anti-people document." The paper also indicated that opponents of the regime may be preparing a counter-revolution.

But "Rude Pravo" vowed there would not be another 1968, referring to what is now described as the counter-revolution led by liberal reformer and party chief Alexander Dubček.

"Rude Pravo" claimed the signatories of the charter want "such rights and freedom which would permit them again to freely organize anti-state and anti-party activities, proclaim anti-socialism and again seek to smash socialist state power."

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

U.S. unemployment dips, food prices up sharply

WASHINGTON. — Unemployment in the United States declined from 8.1 to 7.9 per cent last month, the U.S. Government said yesterday, but the good news was offset by another sharp jump in prices, particularly for food.

Coffee, pork and poultry costs were the chief ingredients in the biggest rise in farm and food prices in eight months and pushed over-all wholesale prices up nine-tenths of a per cent in December. Industrial price increases slowed, with natural gas costs turning down after rapidly increasing for several months.

The improvement in the job picture was an indication the economy is beginning to revive after a summer-fall period of stagnation and rising joblessness. The pause in the business recovery had aroused concern among economists and prompted President-elect Jimmy Carter to propose a two-year package of tax cuts and rebates and job-creating measures.

Unemployment had dropped from a recession peak of 9.9 per cent in May 1975 to a low of 7.8 per cent last May. The rate then started rising and stuck on a plateau of 7.8 to 7.9 per cent from July through October, before jumping to 8.1 per cent in November. (AP)

East Germany withdraws guards

EAST BERLIN. — East Germany yesterday withdrew extra guards posted outside the West German mission here to stop unauthorized East Germans from entering.

The appearance of the guards on Tuesday, believed connected with a recent wave of exit applications by East Germans, raised sharp protests from the Bonn Government. (Reuters)

95 arrested in South Africa

CAPE TOWN. — A special task force of the Cape Peninsula anti-riot unit and detectives made a pre-dawn swoop yesterday on Langa — one of the three African townships in the Cape Peninsula — and arrested 95 people on a variety of charges, including setting fire to six black schools.

A number of those arrested were suspected of being members of "The Comrades Movement" — the movement believed to be behind unrest in the peninsula.

The arrested people were taken to a central point where they were questioned by a special group of detectives, assembled after the rioting broke out in the peninsula last year. (AP)

3 seamen dead, 17 missing

ANKARA. — At least three Soviet seamen were feared dead and 15 Hungarian seamen reported missing as their ships sank in separate collisions — the fog-bound sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles early yesterday, Turkish port-officials said. (Reuters)

'Holy Grail' at British Museum

LONDON. — The British Museum yesterday announced details of a giant exhibition of gold and silver from the late Roman world.

Among its 830 objects is a cup which some scholars believe is the "Holy Grail" itself, the cup Jesus used at the Last Supper, said Museum Director Dr. David Wilson.

The exhibition, called "Wealth of the Roman World", covers the period between 300 and 700 A.D. and "ranges right across the ancient world," a museum official said. (UPI)

Snowstorm delays deportation of Cuban 'spy school' head

MONTREAL. — Two Cubans accused of running a school for espionage here were still awaiting deportation to Havana on Tuesday after a snow storm delayed their departure, immigration officials said.

Hector Arasosa, graduate student and part-time lecturer in mathematics at a local university, and Santo Hernandez-Guesta, a Cuban Consulate employee, were arrested here on Sunday for their alleged involvement in a spy school being run at the Cuban Consulate.

Three other Cubans, all with diplomatic status, were asked to leave the country after they were suspected of being involved in the scandal. One of them is currently outside Canada and will not be allowed re-entry, immigration spokesmen said.

The announcement of the arrests of the two Cubans came after reports from Rhodesia quoted an American

mercenary as saying the Cuban Consulate in Montreal was being used to train spies. A Rhodesian newspaper quoted David Buick, an American mercenary who apparently turned double agent, as saying he was trained in Montreal before being sent to Rhodesia.

The investigation which led to the expulsion of the five Cubans was begun by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police after a bomb exploded at the Cuban trade commission here in April 1972, the "Montreal Gazette" said.

The bomb, which was planted in the false ceiling of the 12th floor, exploded in what the officer described as "a room within a room, totally isolated and bug-proof," the "Gazette" says.

The newspaper says the RCMP investigation into the incident, which provoked sharp criticism from Cuban leader Fidel Castro, led to the discovery of the alleged spy school.

No rabbi at Inaugural, Jewish groups protest

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON. — Leaders of the Jewish and Orthodox communities have criticized Carter inauguration organizers for not including a rabbi and an Orthodox priest in the religious segment of the inauguration of Carter and Vice President-elect Walter Mondale.

The decision to have only Protestant and Roman Catholic clerics pray at the ceremony breaks with 20 years of tradition. In 1949, a rabbi joined Catholic and Protestant participants for the first time. In 1967, an Orthodox archbishop was included in order to give symbolic representation to the four major faith groups in the U.S.

Inauguration officials announced last week that United Methodist Bishop William Cannon of Atlanta, a personal friend of Carter, would give the invocation and Catholic

Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a friend of Mondale, would offer the benediction.

Isaac Goodfriend, a cantor from Atlanta, will sing the "Star Spangled Banner" to close the ceremony.

Inaugural spokesmen said the programme reflects Carter's wishes.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, ecumenical officer for the American Jewish Committee in New York, said that, as planned, "the emphasis will come through that this is only a Christian nation."

"It will be seen as a message that Orthodox Christians and Jews are not part of the business of America," he said.

"A cantor singing the 'Star Spangled Banner' is a sop to the Jews. It will be seen by some as a joke."

Avalanche covers ski resort

BERGAMO, Italy. — An avalanche thundered down the Italian Alps north of here yesterday, burying several houses and killing at least eight people.

First reports from the tiny ski resort village of Foppello, perched 1,500 metres above sea level, said five or six houses had been buried beneath a mass of snow and ice.

The alarm was raised by two

villagers who managed to battle through the snow to the next town.

All telephone communications with the village appeared to be cut and police in nearby Branzi, lower down the Brembo valley, were yesterday organising rescue attempts.

One report said the avalanche was the first in the Foppello area since the beginning of the century. (Reuters)

Heavy damage in Africa eruption

BRUSSELS. — Nyragongo, the second tallest active volcano in Africa, erupted on Monday in Eastern Zaire, spewing out lava which caused widespread damage. However, reports of up to 2,000 dead were flatly denied by the Zaire government.

A film crew flying over the volcano in a helicopter reported the lava

stopped five kilometres from the town of Goma and hurried part of the town's airstrip, preventing rescue workers from flying in and virtually cutting communications with the rest of the country.

Nyragongo, one of the peaks of the Virunga volcanic mountain range, last erupted in 1973. (AP)

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First major crisis of Peking's new ruler New pressures on Chairman Hua

By JAY MATTHEWS
The Washington Post

HONG KONG. — The infant administration of Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng appears to be facing its first full-fledged crisis after six days of surprisingly unrestrained public demands for changes in its lineup.

Since last Thursday, wall posters have appeared in the centre of Peking calling for the immediate appointment of twice-purged party veteran Teng Hsiao-Ping as head of the government and disciplinary transfers for two Politburo members thought to be key Hua allies.

Hua has so far failed to make a joint appearance with his Politburo to commemorate the January 8 anniversary of the death of Premier Zhou En-Lai. Hua's press agents on Monday took the unusual step of reporting a Hua banquet appearance without giving its date, as if the Chairman was too occupied to appear in public but needed to keep his name in the headlines.

The wall poster demands that Peking Mayor Wu T'ung and Peking army commander Ch'ia Hsi-Lien be transferred out of the capital are clear signs that China's political campaign against Mao Tse-Tung's disgraced widow, Chiang Ching, is no longer under the full control of the 13-member ruling Politburo. It instead confirms that a leadership debate over how to reward Teng and punish Chiang, which could only be surmised up to now from veiled hints in the official media, has escalated to blunt talk in the streets.

This week's crowds have come out to support the consumer-oriented Communists represented by Chou and appeared to be spurred on both by individual sentiment and the behind-the-scenes manoeuvres of key pressure groups.

For various, sometimes contradictory reasons, the crowds are trying to force Hua and the rest of the leadership to make several key decisions:

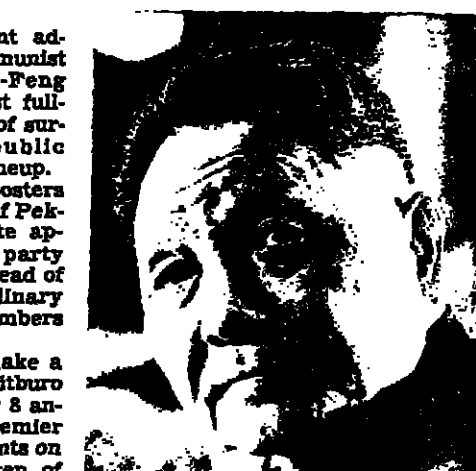
• When Teng will be returned to power and in what position.

• How high and deep the purge of followers of Chiang's "Gang of Four" should go, and whether Chiang and her three radical cohorts should be executed.

• Which of last year's Tien An Men Square, should be pardoned now that the political climate has changed and their heroes, Teng and the late Premier Chou, appear to have returned to favour.

If the leadership debate over these questions is not resolved soon, China risks a return to the political confusion and production delays of the past year. There could also be serious damage to Hua's authority as Mao's successor.

The free-for-all atmosphere over the last few days in the Chinese



Teng Hsiao-Ping: Proper man to be premier?

capital has rekindled an old debate among analysts here over how spontaneous such rare outpourings of man-in-the-street opinion in China are. Some argue that all the posters have been authorized by some faction of the leadership; others say that individuals are taking advantage of a temporary leadership stalemate to express their own views.

There are also some who suggest that Hua has encouraged expressions of opinion in the tradition of Mao's phrase, "Let a hundred flowers bloom" both to get a reading of popular sentiment and to lure his opponents into showing their true colours.

"We want Teng Hsiao-Ping as premier right away," said a Peking poster seen on Sunday, pinpointing perhaps the most difficult and immediate problem facing Hua. Giving in to this demand would mean relieving the premiership Hua now holds to an abrasive official with stronger ties to key army leaders than Hua has himself. It would also mean contravening the sacred instructions of Mao, who picked Hua,

66, over Teng, 73, for the top government post and reportedly said: "Teng is absolutely not the proper man to be premier."

But Teng has many supporters, including Hua's second in command Defence Minister Yeh Chien-Ying. According to some unconfirmed reports even Finance Minister Li Hsien-Nien, highly qualified to be premier himself, has supported Teng for the post.

The reasons for attacks on sitting Politburo members this week are less easy to discern. Peking Mayor Wu appears to have drawn heat from his efforts to curtail last April's riots, as well as his apparent opposition to Teng.

Peking commander Chen, the most powerful general in the army, is also blamed for the harsh treatment of last year's rioters. He also has a history of association with Chiang. Last year Chiang made an intense effort to win him to her side, even trying to arrange a marriage between one of her daughters by Mao and Chen's son, Communist sources here said.

This week's demonstrations have carried the vehement official attacks on Chiang and her cohorts to their logical conclusion — an outright call for their execution. The Chinese have rarely officially announced the fate of purged party leaders, but there has been no credible evidence that any have ever been executed.

Some leaders appear to be arguing now that the crimes of the Gang of Four are bad enough, and their threat as rallying points for future dissent real enough, to merit the death sentence. In answer, other Politburo members — Hua apparently among them — decided to release a 20-year-old Mao speech that argued: "Once a head is chopped off, history shows it can't be restored, nor can it grow again as chives do, after being cut. If you cut off a head by mistake, there is no way to rectify the mistake (and) you will have destroyed a source of evidence (against other) counter-revolutionaries."

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His master's voice

IT IS RATHER EASY to dismiss Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy as a fire-eating buffoon who cannot shake off the habit of playing war-games. Fahmy sounds so often out of tune with his boss, President Sadat, that he is apt to strike some of his listeners, especially those in the West, as a freak accident. While Sadat never ceases to conjure up visions of Middle East peace, however attenuated they may be in substance, Fahmy tirelessly piles up assured conditions as obstacles on the road to a settlement — such as a 50-year ban on aliyah to Israel. While Sadat regularly assures foreign visitors of his aversion to war, Fahmy repeatedly warns of the possibility of a renewal of hostilities.

In an address to the joint foreign relations and security committee of the Egyptian Parliament, on Tuesday, Fahmy again talked of war with Israel — if diplomatic efforts fail to result in a final settlement. On Arab terms, that is.

This kind of threat is, of course, a patent violation not only of the spirit but of the letter of Egypt's unequivocal undertaking in the interim accord of September 1975. In Article 1 of the agreement Egypt (and Israel) agreed that the conflict "shall not be resolved by military force but by peaceful means." On the narrowest interpretation, this commitment was to remain in force "for three-and-a-half years, until early 1979."

Yet, judging by Fahmy, Egypt will not hesitate to tear up its pledge as soon as it determines that doing so is practicable, and will serve its interests best.

Is there any reason to believe that Fahmy represents a particularly warlike school of thought, rather than the settled policy of the Egyptian Government? Of course not. The Egyptian President may employ his Foreign Minister as a marionette to voice his more stridently belligerent notions, but the voice is still his own. He, and he alone, is the boss.

Indeed a far more serious violation of the Sinai accord than the Fahmy speech was perpetrated by Sadat himself in the revival of the joint military command with Syria and Jordan, two months ago.

The agreement did allow Egypt to take up arms in the defence of Syria, if it were attacked; an eventuality which, needless to say, was not contemplated by Israel. The new military command signals readiness to start war again, not to counter any military provocation but as a means of achieving Arab national purposes. Even during the life of the agreement.

To be sure, readiness is not necessarily intent, and Egypt's apologists may argue that it largely serves as a means of pressuring Israel — and the U.S., to press Israel — to accept a settlement on Arab terms. But these terms — total Israeli withdrawal in exchange for an Arab declaration of non-belligerence — add up to a wholly unacceptable surrogate for peace. Readiness and intent may therefore be separated by little more than the estimate of the prospects of success in making another war.

For all that, the conclusion of the Sinai accord need not be regretted. Nor would it be wise to ignore the recent changes in the Arab mood echoed anew by the high-level Norwegian delegation now visiting here. But by the same token it would be highly imprudent to dismiss warlike talk from Cairo as merely an exercise in diplomacy.

A victory for the engineers

THE ENGINEERS have been patient negotiators compared with other unions, and their confidence in the use of proper, formal procedures is now vindicated. The labour court has pronounced that they are entitled to a rise in pay — but on certain very specific conditions.

The concept adopted could be called the rate-for-the-job. Engineers who hold posts that are responsible enough or technical enough to require full engineering qualifications should be paid more than the wage for the present engineers' grade. In other words, the salary is attached to the job performed, not to the academic certificate brandished.

This should be taken into account when considering the reaction of the technicians. Their union has been a plague to the engineers, owing to its insistence on linkage with the salaries of their professional superiors. Its secretary, Zalman Shekman, states that whatever the engineers get, the technicians will demand, because, he says, the technicians do the same jobs and they have just as many years of study to their credit.

This claim to equality is, of course, not justified. The engineers are university graduates, the technicians are not. It is true that some technicians do engineers' work in Israel, and many engineers do technicians' work. The first necessity is to disentangle this overlap.

Meanwhile all parties should take a step back, and try to see the problem in perspective. The Barkai committee did not recommend that persons doing non-professional jobs should get a raise. The subject of the report is differentials. If all the unions demand the same preferment as the engineers, the subject is no longer differentials, it is wage policy.

The confusion between the two concepts has been with us for a long time. It lies behind the endless spiral of wage increases, one union chasing the other — which ends up in inflation rather than improved living standards.

Mr. Shekman should take note that not all doctors have got a wage boost, only doctors in hospital wards. Not all engineers will rate the new bonus (whose size has yet to be negotiated), only those performing a job that requires full academic qualifications.

The Barkai committee recommendations are confined to persons with a university degree, and as such may be relevant to kindred professional groups, like the biochemists and the microbiologists. But if all ranks in the public service get the same advancement, then the cash increment will be eroded by higher prices. No one will benefit in the end. The incentive to potential candidates for senior posts will be lost. And the dribble of people with top qualifications away from Government employ will continue unabated.

ISRAEL PRESS

HAVAS (Histadrut) says "a kind of juridical 'reverse Entebbe' operation" brought about the release, not of innocent hostages, but of a "mass-murderer who organised the slaughter of Israeli sportsmen at the Munich Olympics."

The paper notes that the French Government "has had its reward: the terrorist organization which originally despatched Abu Daoud on his atrocity-mission has welcomed the salvation of the good relations between France and the PLO with the Arab governments joining in the praise... Only a fool will not under-

stand that the rapidity of the juridical action was directed from above."

The paper asserts: "Israel's citizens will learn from France's cynical behaviour that the blood of Israelis is of no account in Paris. They will take note, too, of the PLO's identification with one of the most brutal of murderers, an identification which serves as a reminder of the PLO's essence as a terrorist organization—something that some of the good and the naive among us are seeking to forget and have forgotten."

Jerusalem Municipality

The attention of Jerusalem residents is drawn to the fact that a number of rabid animals have been found in Jerusalem in recent weeks.

The public is warned not to pet dogs and cats wandering the streets, and to instruct their children accordingly. Dog owners must comply with the law, which requires that dogs not be allowed to wander the streets.

Dog owners should allow their dogs on the streets, only on a leash and muzzled. Dog owners who allow their dogs to wander the streets freely WILL BE PROSECUTED, AND THE DOGS DESTROYED.

Inoculation of dogs and issuance of dog licences is carried out at the Veterinary Service, 56 Rehov Ussishkin, Jerusalem (Tel. 223287) and by private veterinarians. After working hours, complaints about dogs wandering freely should be made to Tel. 61111.

Elections and personalities

The coming national election campaign will centre around the personalities of the leading candidates, and not party issues. This is both welcome and inevitable, says YOSEF GOELL.

when the number of true believers within and outside the parties declined precipitously, electoral campaigns tended to gravitate around leading personalities more than around the issues. Israel's first real campaign manager, Mapai's Yosef Almog, came up with the slogan of "Say Yes to the Old Man," referring to Ben-Gurion, back in 1969. When Ben-Gurion split with Mapai in 1968, what saved the election for the newly formed Mafpey-Ahava Ha'avoda Alignment was the "Citizens for Eshkol" slogan and organization.

MORE RECENTLY the new trend received formal legitimation in the law providing for the personal election of mayors. The first round of elections under this law — not counting the December 1975 election in Nazareth — will be held this year.

The ancient facade has by no means entirely collapsed. This explains some of the arguments adduced by the old-time Labour Party leadership in an attempt to dissuade Mr. Peres from launching his candidacy. Characteristically, the big gun mobilized in this effort, which proved futile, was former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

The most portentous sign of the

changing times, however, came this week from what should have been the very Temple of Labour, the party's branch in Hutz Hakhshibutim Vekhalvutot. At its meeting at Kiryat Kiryat Anavim the branch council rejected by a large majority a proposal by supporters of Prime Minister Rabin that "competition over the party's candidate for Premier... is inconsistent with the requirements of party unity."

It was thus all the more odd to see newly-declared candidate Shimon Peres, on Tuesday's Moked television programme, parrying every attempt by his interviewer to get him to explain why he thinks he would be better in the post than Mr. Rabin. The result of the interview was a blinding which left many viewers puzzled as to why Mr. Peres was bothering to mount his challenge at all.

ONE GETS A BETTER understanding of the problems confronting Mr. Peres when one views the possible solution in stages. As Mr. Peres himself undoubtedly does, the Defence Minister's first task is to get his party's nomination. It is not the public at large that will give or deny him the nod, but the 600-odd

members of the Labour Party's Central Committee to be elected by next month's convention.

In lobbying for the party's vote Mr. Peres and his supporters have been highlighting the purely personal theme. The major argument they are using is that Peres is definitely better than Rabin in at least one crucial respect: Rabin, they say, will lead the party to a catastrophic electoral defeat, while Peres' more stable and polished public performance will minimize the party's inevitable loss of Knesset seats in the May elections.

This argument, however, can only be advanced in a minor key, and in private, for fear of setting off such an emotional reaction by Rabin's supporters in the party, and by the party Old Guard, as to lead to a split. Mr. Peres has thus been going to enormous lengths to prove how regular a Party Regular he really is. Part of the strategy would also seem to be to goad Mr. Rabin and his associates into personal attacks on Peres, so that Rabin and not Peres would bear the onus of being the first to set off a party free-for-all.

This may be essential for the first,

intra-party stage, but it will not do in the second and final actual election campaign. The personalities of the candidates will become dominant. For the truth is that a few real, as opposed to a few bogus, issues, that can serve to guide the open voter. Not that there is a problems confronting Israel externally and internally. Problems are so complex, times so intractable that "solutions" which cluster "platforms."

TRUE, CASTING a political primarily in terms of personalities the danger of a descent political gutter. This is a one may hope that it will be even at this early stage. I major parties which ex- pretensions to forming the the next government identifi leading actors and the Cabinet posts for which they records of the men who hope our next Prime Minister Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs, Finance and — consid central role of the corrupti — Justice, are a more proper for public debate than vagu on hypothetical issues.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

HEPATITIS IN IDF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was shocked at the news item in your issue of December 28, "IDF suffered high incidence of hepatitis." From all I have heard and seen, jaundice has always been endemic in the IDF, and what you mentioned in your article surely does not seem exaggerated. If, however, it was now necessary to go into print about it, it must have been greatly deteriorated, had as they have always been. The thing that has always shocked me was the way it was shrugged off and taken for granted.

That the situation could be entirely different can be seen in any military camp or other military environment, say in the U.S. army. To someone who knows other armies hygiene discipline in the IDF, both on the personal and on the general level, leaves much to be desired. For that matter, let us admit it, Israel as a whole is a filthy country. I would be unable to point out a really clean public toilet facility anywhere in the country, except possibly in some of the highest grade tourist hotels.

M.A. HARTOG

Haifa.

THE PRICE OF COFFEE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — To charge IL36 or so for an economy can of instant coffee and IL40 for 100 grams of ground coffee is daylight robbery. I shall not drink a drop of coffee for a month and ask you readers to do likewise.

Again the Treasury has shared the greed of interested parties (sugar wholesalers and motor insurance "remember") instead of taking the lead in fighting inflation. The sugar story shows up the pleas of rising world prices for the blab-blah they are: when sugar prices reverted to normal, the Treasury reduced the consumer price — by 10 per cent!

ABRAHAM ELLERIN

Ra'anana.

THE D.M.C.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On January 5, your reporter wrote that Mr. Avriel "...will run for election in that party's Knesset list..." (Professor Yadin's Democratic Movement for Change). Contrary to all other Israeli parties, the D.M.C. has no party bodies which appoint members to any posts or set up election lists. It is the individual members, and only they, who will decide by secret ballot who will run for election on the party platform.

GIDEON WEIGERT

Jerusalem

SUICIDOLGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am writing as a physician and psychiatrist with clinical and research experience in suicide. According to your report of January 6, in your column "Of the Innocent," the Prime Minister quoted segments of Mr. Ofek's suicide note and stated: "These are the sincerest of words inscribed at the supreme moment of truth and they stand as a challenge to all those who malign him and who spilled his blood."

In his Television of January 7, Philip Gillon is even more pointed: "Apart from the murder of Cor. 'These are serious and unfounded accusations against not only 'unarmed people' but even more important, against the population as a whole. Must such a private and personal tragedy be turned into a public affair?"

I certainly would not dare to venture a definite opinion about the cause of Mr. Ofek's suicide. If he had suddenly keeled over and dropped dead, a responsible physician would have dared give a definite opinion as to the cause of death without a complete autopsy. "Psychological utopias" have been conducted by experts in suicidology, based on a scientific analysis of a whole life story — in the past as well as in the present. Even if this were to become in Mr. Ofek's case, it should be a private affair for the family and a family only.

Finally let me quote the insightful remark on suicide by Albert Camus: "Man has only one free choice, to live or to die. I choose to live." Some choose to die.

Prof. MILTON ROSENBAUM, M.D.

Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

"THE PAIWORD is Court" is the title of a book written by Ben-Castel, about a Righteous Gidde whose death last month was reported in both the London "Jewish Chronicle" and the "Daily Express."

Charles Card, a sergeant major in the Royal Artillery, was taken prisoner by Germans in 1940 and sent to a workcamp in the Auschwitz area. Together with some of his comrades, he established contact with doomed Jews in the death camp and equipped them to commit acts of sabotage. Eventually, by means of ingenious and perilous rescue, he facilitated the escape of some 400 Jews from Auschwitz.

Coward's wife visited Israel on several occasions and in 1962 he planted sapling in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Veshem.

PERHAPS the most unexpected thing to be revealed by poet Haim Guri during a luncheon address in Tel Aviv last week had to do with Karl Marx and Jerusalem.

Guri was telling his audience — the Israel Bar Association — that young Israelis were very ignorant about the country's history over the past "wonderful 100 years of Jewish rebirth in Israel." Many young soldiers to whom he had lectured, he commented, did not know that for over a century Jerusalem has had a Jewish majority.

"The late Moshe Shesh once wrote me a note in which he quoted Karl Marx on the subject. In 1855 Marx visited Jerusalem as a war correspondent (presumably while covering the Crimean War) and described the poverty of the 8000 Jews among the 15,000 inhabitants of the city."

S.S.

Calling the cops

Before the State came into being, the Yishuv used to resort to informal controls in trying to prevent wrongdoing in the public service. Today we place all our trust in the formal agencies of criminal justice. In dealing with the problem, however, there remains a broad range of middle options which have been adequately institutioned, says ALLAN (AVRAHAM) SHAPIRO.

THE TRAGEDY of Avraham Ofer has brought into question the role of the police — and the instruments of criminal justice in general — as a means of administrative control. This is a much broader issue than that of possible abuse by the police of their authority. It is the question of the abuse of the police, by imposing on them functions which they are unsuited to perform.

A warning flag should have been hoisted when the police were given the job of finding out who had leaked the Amoco Memorandum, dealing with drilling rights of the Egyptian-American company in the Gulf of Suez, to the press. Could senior civil servants be under a cloud of suspicion heavy enough to warrant their submission to lie-detector tests, but not seriously enough to require their transfer, suspension, or dismissal? Could the individuals involved be expected to work together as a team after such an experience?

True, Yitzhak Rabin had learned a lesson from Richard Nixon's error in organizing a private police unit, the so-called plumbers, to plug leaks of security secrets to the press. But that was not the only, or even the principal, error to be avoided. Nixon had taken on private mercenaries as an investigative force because the public law-enforcement agencies were not suitable instruments for upholding norms of political and administrative loyalty. It was simply not a job for police, regular or irregular.

Resort to the instrumentalities of criminal justice means that the ordinary methods of civil control have failed. When a cooperative effort, such as administrative or governmental teamwork, is involved the principal means of controlling deviant behaviour is by promoting mutual confidence. Police intervention can hardly serve as a substitute for trust. It may, however, serve as a certain means of destroying any trust that may exist.

When John Profumo, Minister of State for War in the Macmillan Cabinet, came under suspicion of misconduct involving a serious breach of security, he made a statement to the Prime Minister and to the House of Commons denying the allegations. Given a tradition of public confidence, his statement was accorded full faith and credit. This was the only course possible, if collegial relations in government, essential in a parliamentary democracy, were to be preserved.

THE PROFUMO AFFAIR, however, was the atypical case in which the Minister proved undeserving of the trust unreservedly extended him.

When the press uncovered (although did not at first publish) information impugning his veracity, the shock was not the Promote's adultery but in his violation of the trust his colleagues and of the House of Commons.

The contrast with practice in the case of Avraham Ofer is striking. No question was put to Ofer in the Knesset, but rather to the Minister of Police. There appears to have been no assumption, even on the part of his political allies, that the word of a Cabinet Minister was entitled to a higher degree of credence, barring evidence to the contrary, than that of his accusers.

Yitzhak Rabin was unquestionably motivated by a dread of even the suspicion of a cover-up. One may detect in it as well an over-reaction to the methods of the pre-State Yishuv, in which the ethic of the public mission, the *schikhet*, was the principal, often the only, guarantee of proper conduct. In the pre-independence era, the police and the courts were instruments of foreign domination. But they were not only taboo; they were also largely unneeded. Public opinion supplied a sanction as powerful and as effective as any that the unavailable instruments of criminal justice could offer.

Indeed, the sanction of public opinion and the importance of one's reputation were so important that there was considerable reluctance to publish results of even proven wrongdoing. In 1927 a special committee of inquiry concluded that some Histadrut employees had received salaries and other benefits in violation of the prevailing egalitarian principles. This was the first major case of corruption in Yishuv annals involving the labour movement. Ben-Gurion and other top leaders refused to permit publication of the report or disclosure of the names of the individuals involved, arguing that they

would have no alternative leave the country, if exposed.

THE SURVIVAL of the ethic public mission to our day still public suspicion far more it the and more than it is oriented, career culture, such of the United States. This may reason why the American the defamation of public office a normal attribute of freedom press, except where there is malice.

The generally successful informal procedures in the pre-period meant an inadequate of methods of formal within the Yishuv. Even today may be inadequate in institutions, particularly the enterprises of the Histadrut, firm roots in the pre-political culture. Between controls, based on trust and confidence, and the instrumental criminal justice, there remains a broad range of options still silently formalized. Had the Histadrut supervision of Shikhet been adequate, police intervention would have been an unlikely resort, as it properly should.

The lie-detector and the police investigation are not the means achieve a civic culture, but that it has somehow lost. Moreover, criminal justice is absence of politics, but a sort of politics. The police, for have interests to promote.

The law-enforcement agencies seem to have been accorded and confidence denied a moment Minister. No one appears have suggested — let alone — that police investigators be committed to lie-detector tests to the leads to the press in investigations. By an odd twist seem to be the heirs of the tradition, in which public institutions for formal rules to the norms of public service.



Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur....

.... talks to The Post about U.S. military aid, IDF arms policy, and the balance of power in the region. Hiram Goodman reports. Abba Eban gives a forthright opinion of his leadership qualities in an interview with David Landau.

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